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# BARRINGTON

## SNOW & ICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



When snow and ice hits the Village of Barrington, the Public Works storm fighting crews are ready for action. In early fall, the Public Works Department begins review of storm fighting strategies

and makes sure the snow plowing equipment is ready. As a resident, you may wonder what you can expect the Village to do during a snow and ice event, and what you can do to minimize inconveniences caused by snow storms. Listed below are some frequently asked questions and answers.

### **What are the parking regulations during a snow event?**

- Parking is not permitted until snow removal operations have been completed on streets or parkways in neighborhoods outside of the Central Business District when snow accumulations are over two (2) inches.
- Parking is not permitted after 1:00 AM until snow removal operations have been completed on streets within the Central Business District when snow accumulations are over two (2) inches.
- The Village asks that you to park your car in your driveway once snow accumulation reaches one (1) inch.

### **What roads does the Village plow?**

The Village clears snow and ice from over 100 miles of pavement within the Village limits. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) handles snow and ice on Route 14, Route 68, Ela Road, Barrington Road, and portions of Lake Cook Road, and Route 59.

### **When will Public Works crews plow my road?**

All roads within the Village limits are given certain priorities. Each crew is directed to remove snow in their assigned district according to a priority rating. These teams do not deviate from that priority unless

life safety conditions exist. Highest priority is given to emergency access routes: Hough Street, Main Street, Dundee Avenue, Hillside Avenue, Eastern Avenue, Lake Cook Road, and Lake Zurich Road. School routes are given the next priority. After these roads are clear, other residential streets are plowed with cul-de-sacs and alleys being the last to be completed. During a snow and ice event, especially on longer duration storms, trucks will make several passes throughout each district during the storm event.

### **The snowplow damaged the lawn in the parkway when it went down the street. Will the Village repair the damage?**

Public Works crews will repair damage to the parkway/lawn only if caused by Village snowplows. Lawn damage will be repaired in early spring as the weather permits. Call Public Works to report damage.

### **The snowplow damaged my mailbox when it went down the street. Will the Village repair the damage?**

Public Works crews will repair damage to mailboxes physically struck by Village snowplows. Mailboxes will be repaired on a temporary basis and/or a temporary mailbox will be placed within 24 hours after notification and further information for permanent mailbox repairs may be mailed to residents. Call Public Works to report damage.

### **I saw a truck go down my street spraying some kind of liquid on the roadway, what are they doing?**

In an effort to continue the most cost effective level of service, conserve salt, protect the environment, reduce costs, and utilize current technology, the Village has developed an "Anti-icing" Program. Anti-icing is the application of a mix of chemicals (tri-mix) to roadway surfaces

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### **Am I responsible for removing the snow on the sidewalk in front of my house/property?**

Yes. The Village has an Ordinance, No. 7-1-7 Snow and Ice Removal which requires all property owners and/or tenants to remove snow from the sidewalk. This Ordinance is in place to provide the public, and especially, school children, with a safe place to walk. All efforts made by the public to improve public safety are greatly appreciated by your neighbors and the community. If you are unable to shovel snow due to health related problems or you are an elderly resident, please contact the Public Works Department, for a list of snow removal contractors.

in advance of a snow/ice event which will assist in keeping the snow/ice from bonding to the roadway surface. Numerous municipalities in Illinois and across the country have been using this new anti-icing technology for several years with great success. When developing our new anti-icing program, we consulted closely with several of these governmental agencies to ensure that we had thoroughly evaluated the pros and cons of this program. The goal of this program is to help prevent the bonding of snow and ice to the pavement, allowing us to more effectively plow the snow from the roadway thus reducing the amount of de-icing materials (salt) needed and provide safer streets for the motoring public.

### **Why does the Village use so much salt on the roads?**

As previously mentioned, the Village is always studying alternative methods of keeping ice off of the road surface, but a mixture of salt and tri-mix has proven to be an effective and economical means of ice control. It is applied only in quantities recommended for the conditions that exist during each storm and is not used if conditions indicate that it will be ineffective.

### **How long does it take the Village crews to clear snow and ice from the Village Streets?**

The goal of the Public Works crews is to clear snow and ice from all Village streets within 24 hours after the snow and ice event has ended.

### **Will I be able to get my car out of the commuter lot if it snows while I'm at work?**

When snow and ice events occur during business hours, Public Works crews plow and salt exit lanes from the commuter lots. Parking is prohibited in all Village parking lots over night for snow removal operations. Unfortunately, the crews cannot clear snow around individual cars. After cars have left the parking areas, remaining snow and ice is removed from the lots, typically during the overnight hours.

### **If we have an emergency during a snow and ice event, how can a fire engine or ambulance get to my house?**

If you have a life safety emergency, call 911 immediately. An emergency vehicle and a snowplow, if necessary, will be dispatched to your address.

### **How does the Village know that a storm is coming?**

A consulting meteorologist issues snow and ice warnings and recommendations to Public Works to evaluate and analyze these reports and prepare crews, as necessary. In addition, Public Works has access to up-to-date weather conditions via various internet weather sites including radar.

### **What can I do to help?**

Thank you for asking! There are a number of things you can do to assist.

- Please park your car in your driveway, not on the street, once snow starts to accumulate.
- Keep any fire hydrants near your property free of snow so they will be ready for use in an emergency.
- Keep your sidewalks free of ice and snow.
- On garbage days, please do not put your full containers in the street for pick up, place the containers at the end of your driveway, and please remove your trash cans from the curbside or driveway as soon as possible. During the winter months these containers tend to end up in the street where they can get damaged by snowplows and slow up the snow removal process.
- Please do not shovel, snow blow or plow snow into the street. If crews have completed their work, the deposited snow can freeze causing a public safety hazard for vehicles and pedestrians.





# Snow Shoveling

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While shoveling snow can be good exercise, it can also be dangerous for optimistic shovelers who take on more than they can handle. The National Safety Council offers the following tips to help you get a handle on safe shoveling:

- Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful.
- If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.
- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Take it slow! Shoveling (like lifting weights) can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically; so pace yourself. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task.
- Shovel only fresh snow. Freshly fallen, powdery snow is easier to shovel than the wet, packed-down variety.
- Push the snow as you shovel. It's easier on your back than lifting the snow out of the way.
- Don't pick up too much at once. Use a small shovel, or fill only one-fourth or one-half of a large one.
- Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Keep your back straight. By bending and "sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed. Your shoulders, torso and thighs can do the work for you.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately.
- Dress warmly. Remember that extremities, such as the nose, ears, hands and feet, need extra attention during winter's cold. Wear a turtleneck sweater, cap, scarf, face protection, mittens, wool socks and waterproof boots.

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## 2013 Snow & Ice Q & A

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Public Works - (847) 381-7903

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## IDOT Road Conditions/ Road Issues Contacts

- Illinois Department of Transportation (847) 705-4612
- Illinois Roads Closed (312) 368-4636
- Illinois Tollway (800) 865-5394
- Weather Information - Illinois Road Conditions (800) 452-4368